

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of a Request for Continuing Examination, and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

The independent claims currently on file have been amended to define that the power tool has a housing enclosing a motor, and the continuous slanted surface or ramp is provided in the housing, over which slanted surface or ramp the flexible connecting element formed as a sheet element is flexibly guided with the surface contact therebetween.

The thusly amended claims patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art applied against the original claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal

respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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